HONORABLE RONALD B. LEIGHTON 1 2 3 4 5 6 7 8 UNITED STATES DISTRICT COURT WESTERN DISTRICT OF WASHINGTON 9 AT TACOMA 10 ALLSTATE INSURANCE COMPANY, Case No. C05-5367 RBL 11 Plaintiff, 12 **ORDER** v. 13 ROGER BRIGHT and CYNTHIA BRIGHT, individually, and their marital community; 14 DON STUART CHRISTENSEN and JOLANDA CHRISTENSEN, individually, 15 and their marital community; TYLA MARIE NETTLES, personal representative of the 16 Estate of ADAM MICHAEL ROOKS, deceased; DWAYNE ROOKS, individually; 17 and TYLA MARIE NETTLES, INDIVIDUALLY, 18 Defendants. 19 20 THIS MATTER comes on before the above-entitled Court upon Third-Party Defendant Ohio Casualty 21 Co.'s Motion to Dismiss [Dkt. #25]. 22 Having considered the entirety of the records and file herein, the Court rules as follows: 23 On November 29, 2005 the Court entered an Order granting defendant Roger Bright's motion to file 24 a third-party complaint against Ohio Casualty Co. and directed Bright to electronically file his third-party 25 complaint [Dkt. #19]. The Clerk's record reflects that Bright has failed to file the complaint. Ohio Casualty 26 Co. now moves to dismiss the complaint that was never technically filed against it. Bright has not responded 27 to this motion. 28

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Local Rule CR7(b)(2) requires that a party who opposes the motion shall file a brief in opposition to the motion and that the failure "to file papers in opposition to a motion . . . may be considered by the court as an admission that the motion has merit." CR7(b)(2), <u>Local Rules W.D. Wash</u>. A review of the motion indicates that it does have merit and the simple fact that Bright did not file his third-party complaint after being granted permission to do so further indicates to the Court that the motion should be granted. It is therefore

**ORDERED** that Ohio Casualty Co.'s Motion to Dismiss [Dkt. #25] is **GRANTED**. Any and all claims by Roger Bright against Ohio Casualty Co. are hereby **DISMISSED** and Ohio Casualty Co. is **DISMISSED** as a party in this action.

The Clerk shall send uncertified copies of this order to all counsel of record, and to any party appearing pro se.

Dated this 19th day of May, 2006.

RONALD B. LEIGHTON UNITED STATES DISTRICT JUDG